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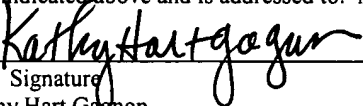
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments in the above-referenced patent application:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

This Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).